

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE
Washburn Academy – CI 750 Section 737 (1 credit)

Action Research Option

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Course Description

This course provides an extension and application experience of information presented in the Washburn Academy you attended. Candidates create and implement an action research project stemming from the newly learned information from the Washburn Academy. Candidates are subject to full tuition for this summer course that ends in the fall.

Washburn Academy Dates and Location

Site: Onalaska High School

Dates: July 23 – 27, 2012

Course Requirements

- * Attendance for all five days of the selected Washburn Academy workshop
- * Attendance on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 to develop Action Research proposal at Onalaska High School Commons, 12:15 p.m.
- * Project summary due to instructor Nov 9, 2012 by 4:00 pm CST to instructor's email as listed above
- * Implement action research project in your classroom during fall of 2012

Recommended Textbook

Anderson, G.L., Her, K., & Nihlen, A.S. (2007). Studying your own school: An educator's guide to practitioner action research. (2nd ed.). Corwin Press: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Action Research Paper Guidelines

Action research paper assignment should include a description of the following:

- Title of project in the form of a question (chapter 5)
- Your current teaching situation (age, grade level, subject area(s) taught)
- The focus of your project, including the reasoning behind your project
- The intervention implemented within your classroom (what intervention was implemented, when the intervention was implemented, how long the intervention was implemented, etc.)
- How, when, where, by whom data was collected – multiple data gathering tools (chapter 6)
- How you analyzed the data collected (chapter 6)
- What your conclusions are after analyzing the data; what is your plan of action/next step for your action research project and classroom situation
- List of references used to support your research (minimum of 5 professional references)

Papers should follow APA 5th edition formatting (12 pt font, 1 inch margins, professional language and grammar, etc). The paper should include all the bullets listed above. You may include tables/figures where appropriate. An ideal final paper would be no less than 8 pages in length. Professional references are professional peer-reviewed journals and professionally authored books. Websites are not recommended; however, professionally sponsored web sites may be used at a minimum.